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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 18, 2010**. Last week, significant planting was accomplished for soybeans, rice, and watermelons as producers capitalized on the sunny weather. However, the sunshine has over dried some fields, mainly in the southern counties, leading to reports of too little moisture. Soil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 25 percent short, 68 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending April 18, 2010

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	91	75	83	85
Corn, emerged	70	49	60	69
Cotton, planted	12	0	0	5
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	18	13	12	11
Rice, planted	45	13	17	28
Rice, emerged	9	3	4	8
Sorghum, planted	30	8	6	19
Soybeans, planted	44	10	15	31
Soybeans, emerged	10	3	5	17
Watermelons, planted	75	46	68	65
Winter Wheat, jointing	95	82	95	97
Winter Wheat, heading	16	1	75	64

Crop condition for week ending April 18, 2010

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	1	1	8	83	7
Corn	0	1	26	57	16
Livestock	3	11	26	47	13
Pasture	2	13	33	39	13
Watermelons	0	0	16	84	0
Winter Wheat	0	3	21	61	15

Comments

“Producers had a chance to plant corn and apply burndown herbicides.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“We had a beautiful week for fieldwork, and excellent progress was made with planting activities. Corn planting is almost done, good progress was made with soybean and rice planting, and some cotton has also been planted. Good progress was made toward the completion of needed seed bed preparation work for all crops, and progress was made with side dress nitrogen applications on corn.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Planting is being delayed as the result of dry soil conditions. In most cases, this is the result of tillage done to repair damage to fields during the 2009 harvest. Farmers are still suffering the consequences of last year's weather. Had they been able to plant without tillage, they could have continued progress in establishing the 2010 crop.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Corn planting is almost complete and stands are uniform and clean. Much of the field preparations have been completed, and soybean and cotton seed will be dropping soon. A rain to activate pre-emerge materials would be helpful.”

— Dr. Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

“A lot of farmers played catch up with vegetable crops this past week, but we are still behind in planting tomatoes and watermelons. Some areas are in need of rain.”

— Wayne Porter, Lauderdale

“Beef cattle farmers are preparing to harvest cool season forages for hay. Watermelons and corn are off to a good start in our area, and blueberries are growing well. Some farmers are hoping we get rain to further promote warm season forage growth and to provide adequate moisture for germination of recently planted commodity crop seed.”

— Allen McReynolds, Wayne

“Growers had a great week of planting and preparing the ground to plant.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Last week’s conditions were favorable for planting. Rice has been emerging well and some levies have been formed. Soybeans emerged and wheat began heading last week.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Last week allowed growers to get a lot of work done. More than 2/3 of our soybeans have been planted and corn planting is almost all complete.”

— Don Respess, Quitman

“We have about finished corn planting and are now moving to soybeans. Cotton farmers are trying to hold off planting, but it is hard with highs in the 80's.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Dry field conditions allowed tillage and planting operations.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Last week was dry. Farmers were able to be in the fields breaking the ground, but no crops have been planted.”

— Shelaine Pennington, Prentiss

“A warmer, drier week was good for emerging crops and planting is going well. A shower would not hurt at this time in order to spread out harvest and risk.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Last week’s rain-free days have allowed the soil to dry and a lot of fieldwork to be accomplished. Many cattlemen have been spraying hay fields and pastures for weed control. Some parts of the county even need rain.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Field conditions are drying out fast, and pastures need moisture to catch up with demand.”

— Scott Cagle Chickasaw

“We spent many hours in the field last week, and completed a lot of work. Now what do they predict for the weekend? You got it -- rain. We cannot control it; we just have to deal with it! In some areas, we actually need some moisture, so maybe the rains will focus on those areas.”

— Bill Maily, Hinds

“Soil conditions are very dry which has been helpful to hay harvest, but we are in need of rain.”

— Amanda Walker, Lawrence

“Corn planting continues and we are getting ready to plant peanuts and cotton. Cattle body conditions are improving with the increased availability of grass. Home gardening is also in full swing.”

— Chuck Grantham, Forrest

“We are in need of rain.”

— Mark Gillie, Greene

“Winter forages need rain for cutting hay, and most hay barns are empty following tough winter conditions.”

— Tommy Bishop, Jasper

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending April 18, 2010

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Clarksdale	83	50	67	62	5	0.00	-1.19	0	2.81
Cleveland	86	51	70	63	7	0.00	-1.33	0	2.24
Lambert 1W	87	48	68			0.00	-1.12	0	2.36
Tunica 2N	85	54	69	61	8	0.00	-1.35	0	3.55
Extreme/Average	87	48	69	62	7	0.00	-1.26	0	2.74
North-Central									
Batesville 2SW	86	39	66	60	6	0.00	-1.19	0	1.86
Calhoun City	84	45	65	61	4	0.00	-1.33	0	2.29
Hickory Flat	85	39	63	59	4	0.00	-1.26	0	4.03
Holly Springs 4N	86	42	64	58	6	0.00	-1.23	0	3.25
Independence	84	44	65	60	5	0.00	-1.12	0	3.10
Oxford	85	45	66	60	6	0.00	-1.19	0	3.68
Water Valley	83	44	65	60	5	0.00	-1.29	0	2.02
Extreme/Average	86	39	65	61	4	0.00	-1.26	0	3.04
Northeast									
Booneville	83	44	64	60	4	0.00	-1.19	0	3.41
Corinth 7SW	85	43	65	62	3	0.00	-1.19	0	3.21
Iuka	84	41	63	57	6	0.00	-1.16	0	5.46
Tupelo 2	84	49	67			0.00	0.00	0	2.40
Pontotoc Exp Stn	84	45	65	61	4	0.00	-1.31	0	2.81
Verona	87	45	66	61	5	0.00	-1.21	0	2.39
Extreme/Average	87	41	65	61	4	0.00	-1.19	0	3.28
Lower Delta									
Belzoni	83	51	69	63	6	0.00	-1.33	0	2.03
Moorhead	85	52	69	64	5	0.00	-1.33	0	1.69
Rolling Fork	85	52	69	63	6	0.00	-1.32	0	1.97
Yazoo City 5NNE	86	50	69	64	5	0.19	-1.21	1	1.25
Extreme/Average	86	50	69	64	5	0.05	-1.28	0	1.90
Central									
Canton 4N	84	46	66	64	2	0.00	-1.33	0	2.05
Eupora 2E	84	41	64	61	3	0.00	-1.28	0	1.49
Forest 3S	85	42	65	63	2	0.00	-1.39	0	3.01
Kosciusko	84	45	66	62	4	0.00	-1.33	0	3.06
Winona 5E	82	42	63	58	5	0.00	-1.27	0	2.57
Extreme/Average	85	41	65	62	3	0.00	-1.36	0	2.67
East-Central									
Aberdeen	85	43	66	61	5	0.00	-1.23	0	1.26
Columbus	86	46	67	62	5	0.00	-1.33	0	2.34
Louisville	87	47	67	61	6	0.00	-1.35	0	1.15
State University	86	48	68	62	6	0.00	-1.33	0	1.95
Extreme/Average	87	43	67	62	5	0.00	-1.33	0	1.85
Southwest									
Brookhaven City	83	46	66	63	3	0.00	-1.50	0	0.29
Crystal SPRG Exp	84	49	68	64	4	0.00	-1.42	0	1.07
Natchez	84	45	67	65	2	0.00	-1.41	0	1.81
Oakley Exp	84	39	65	63	2	0.01	-1.39	1	2.11
Port Gibson 1NE	84	46	66	62	4	0.00	-1.34	0	1.70
Vicksburg	84	51	69			0.00	0.00	0	1.94
Extreme/Average	84	39	67	64	3	0.00	-1.40	0	1.63
South-Central									
Collins	82	46	66	64	2	0.00	-1.26	0	1.00
Columbia	87	46	68	65	3	0.03	-1.37	1	2.37
Monticello	86	44	67	64	3	0.00	-1.43	0	0.80
Raleigh 6N	82	42	63			0.00	0.00	0	0.81
Extreme/Average	87	42	66	65	1	0.01	-1.36	0	1.69
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	83	48	68	65	3	0.02	-1.26	1	2.58
Laurel	84	46	67	64	3	0.00	-1.19	0	1.60
Newton Exp	83	41	64	62	2	0.00	-1.42	0	2.75
Waynesboro 2W	86	48	67	64	3	0.00	-1.05	0	2.99
Extreme/Average	86	41	66	64	2	0.01	-1.23	0	2.48
Coastal									
Biloxi	81	56	68	66	2	0.21	-0.88	1	0.63
Wiggins	84	46	66	65	1	0.00	-1.21	0	0.22
Extreme/Average	84	46	67	66	1	0.11	-1.05	1	0.63
State	87	39	66	63	3	0.01	-1.29	0	2.19

DFN = Departure from Normal.